

MAINE NEWS.

AMONG THE LAW MAKERS.

Many Matters of Interest at the State Capital Thursday.

Republican Caucus Nominates Mr. Burleigh for Assessor.

Several Bills Applying to Places in this Section of State.

Committees Appointed and Nominations by the Governor.

Special to Whig and Courier.]

ALBANY, Jan. 12. Among the prominent men at the State capital today were Rev. Theodore Gierlich and Judge L. C. Stearns, a well known member of the last legislature. The latter occupied a seat in the House beside the Speaker.

The first bill which passed the House was an act appointing a committee not exceeding five to be appointed by the governor to revise the militia.

On order passed the Senate creating a joint special committee on the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital, consisting of the committees on Finance and the Insane Hospital.

A bill was presented to the House, by Representative Fairbanks, of Bangor, in favor of Lowell Plantation. The bill asks the State to pay the school funds not paid said plantation for neglecting to make proper returns to the Superintendent of Schools.

The committee on Education met today several bills were referred to it, among them being one providing for the appropriation of State school funds according to the average yearly attendance.

The full council was present this afternoon and was in session.

The secretary of State sent to the Legislature this morning a communication recommending certain changes in the Androscott Ballot law.

He proposes some features of the Indiana ballot, recommending a device or symbol for the head of the party ticket.

In the Senate an order for a committee to revise the State militia law was finally passed. A resolve was introduced to appropriate \$5,000 annually for two years to the Central Maine General Hospital of Lewiston. The bill to permit Maine Savings banks to buy water company bonds in New Hampshire, a bill to incorporate the Lunenburg Falls Trust Company, and a bill to incorporate the Consolidated Light & Power Company, now existing in New Hampshire, were also introduced.

In the House bills were introduced to exempt persons over seventy years of age from the payment of poll taxes; to abolish the Old Town commission council and increase the number of aldermen to twice as many as there are wards, the street commissioners to consist of the city engineer, one alderman and one voter who shall be elected by the aldermen; to authorize the Railroad, Thompson and Camden Street Railway through Warren; bill requiring railroad corporations to provide mileage tickets good on all railroads to the State, a bill to incorporate the

Washington County Railroad Company.

The incorporators being S. N. Campbell, F. W. Sawyer, V. L. Coffin and others, the location of the railroad to be from some point on the St. Croix river in the city of Calais, through the counties of Washington and Hancock to some point on the Maine Central railroad in Hancock county, the capital stock not to exceed \$7,000 shares at \$100 each, S. D. Leavitt and L. C. Downes being empowered to call the first meeting.

A bill to amend the law of assignment of wages so that no assignment is valid unless the employer has actual notice, a bill to make State and National election days legal holidays.

The "druggists" bill reported in concurrence to the Judiciary Committee. The bill granting the State Board of Health more power relating to the inspection and enforcement of quarantine regulations in case of Asiatic cholera infection, gives the authorized inspector the right to enter any building, railroad car, vessel or public vehicle and remove any person affected.

Nominations by the Governor.

The following nominations were made by the Governor today:

Member of the Board of Health—Edward T. Jordan, Portland.

Trustee State Normal School—John A. Hinkley, Gorham.

Recorder—Frank A. Adams, Bangor.

Administrator Oaths, Acknowledgment Deeds and Solemnize Marriages—Dennis E. Allue, Addison.

Deputy Justice—Kittredge C. Gray, Madison.

Coroner—Fred A. Porter, Bangor.

Notary Public—Stephen C. Perry, Portland; Walter C. Hinkle, Bangor; Joseph Maddocks, Boothbay; Harbord; Benjamin G. Ward, Portland.

Judge of Probate—Frank A. Adams, Bangor; John C. Hays, Lincoln.

Justice of the Peace and Quorum—Samuel A. Smith, Brownville; Robert J. McDuff, Lagrange; David H. Cole, Naples; Alfred A. Burdett, Appleton; Herbert S. Wing, Phillips; John A. Morrill, Auburn; Alpheus H. Foote, Phillipsburg.

The Republican Caucus.

At the Republican caucus this evening to nominate a member of the State Board of Assessors, Mr. Grindle called Mr. Holman to the chair.

Mr. Morrill, of Portland, was secretary.

Mr. Morris, of Machias, presented the name of Col. Campbell, saying there was need of a broad minded, impartial, experienced man. They should not select a man who would look after any one thing at the expense of others.

Col. Campbell is known to the business men as such and they claim it is just and right to have the Eastern portion of the State represented.

President Spear presented the name of Hall C. Burleigh. He said it was a duty to legislate impartially. Why should not a man be allowed to complete his unexpired term after giving satisfaction? It was the duty of the caucus to nominate Mr. Burleigh. Senator Sellers presented the name of Mrs. Crocker, of Portland.

On Warrants, Simpson, Kim, Clark, King.

On Fines and Pardons, Downes, Atwood, Pettigill, King, Clark, Dowdes.

On Election Returns, Pettigill, Atwood, King.

On Taxation and Expenditures, Downes, King, Clark, Dowdes.

On Public Lands and Buildings, Clark, Pettigill, Atwood.

On State Beneficiaries, Pettigill, Atwood, King, Clark, Dowdes.

On Reform School, Atwood, Clark, Pettigill.

On Insane Hospital, King, Smith, Atwood, Clark, Dowdes.

On Public Institutions, Harrington, Pettigill, Simpson.

On Military Affairs, Clark, Downes, King.

On Indian Affairs, Pettigill, Atwood, Downes.

On Library, Atwood, Simpson, Harrington.

On Pay Roll, King, Clark, Harrington.

Visiting Committee of Insane Hospital, King, Atwood, and Mrs. Col. Drew, of Lewiston.

Visiting Committee on State Prison, Pettigill.

Visiting Committee on Reform School, Atwood, Clark, Downes, and Mrs. Andrew Jarrow, of Deerling.

READY FOR SEA.

Schooner Reported and Released.

MOOREHEAD HARBOR, Jan. 12. The British schooner "Pleasantville," before reported disabled, is repaired, reloaded and ready for sea.

SCHOONER LOST.

The S. S. "Dresser" from New York, with a cargo of merchandise for Milford and Addison, is ashore near Jonsport and is a total loss. She is principally owned by Everett Wallace, of Milbridge, and valued at a thousand dollars, with no insurance.

WEST BORE HAPPS.

A Queer Divorce Case at Machias.

MACHIAS, Jan. 12. Court adjourned this afternoon after an eight days' term. Few cases had a jury trial, but a large number were settled or referred. Five divorces were decreed, one of the like of which has no record. It was commenced, witness was examined and the husband testified, leaving it to the court to decide. Having seven children living, Judge Whitehouse thought it best for them to live together. By his persuasion they were reunited and left for home happy.

PENSIONS GRANTED.

Additional to Residents of Maine.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12. The following pensions have been granted to residents of Maine:

Original, Benjamin S. Newton, Andrew L. Powell, Wallace F. Atkins; additional, George H. Herring, Galesen A. Chapman, Wm. Jeffers, W. F. Manchester, Jr., Daniel Whitfield, Chas. Lisbon, Isaac C. V. V. renewal and increase, Patrick Gillick; increase, American Clark; original, widows, Martha J. Cook, Mary Jane Waterhouse.

TAKING ACTIVE STEPS.

To Get New Manufacturing for Waterville.

WATERVILLE, Jan. 12. At a meeting of the Waterville Board of Trade this evening steps were taken toward the formation of a Waterville woolen company. A site is available on Messalouke creek, with abundant water power and buildings suitable for a four reel mill, which will cost \$105,000. The proposed capital stock is \$100,000. It will be necessary to pledge \$50,000, nearly a third of which was pledged at the meeting.

FIRE RECORD.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 12. Fire this morning in the building, 21 Pearl street, owned by Marcus J. and Henry H. Huns, and others, did \$75,000 damage. The chief losses are W. R. Scherbrook & Co., Hatters, \$10,000; Boston Book Co., Fred A. Chas. J. Huns, \$30,000; Joseph Feary & Son, shoe dealers, \$15,000; insured.

Another Fire in Boston.

BOSTON, Jan. 12. The five story granite building, 23 Devonshire street, occupied in the basement and on the first floor by the Postal Telegraph Company, and on the upper floors by Morris Deane & Co., wholesale clothing store, was visited by fire tonight. It started in some unexplained manner between the first and second floors and shot up the elevator well to the top floor, where nearly all the fire damage was done.

The Postal Telegraph Company employees made a hurried exit from the building. Their company's wires were not burned out and its business suffered but a brief interruption. Deane & Co.'s loss is \$10,000, insured. Hunsford & Co., owners of the building, lost \$20,000. The Postal Telegraph Company's loss is \$300, insured.

BODY FOUND.

Remains of Reported Scene of Boston Fire.

BOSTON, Jan. 12. The body of Joseph T. Barker, a Transatlantic Express man, found shortly after 10 o'clock in the ruins of the Federal street fire. The body was under a mass of heavy timber which will have to be sawed away before it can be released.

MAINE LEGISLATURE.

Governor Recognizes Popular Home.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 12. At 6:03 this evening Governor Leavelle sent a brief message to the House recognizing the Popular Home.

FAIR.

And Continued Cold.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

WEATHER BUREAU.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12, 8 P. M.

Indication.

For Maine: Fair, except snow near coast, clearing, mostly sunny. Signals displayed Savannah section to Eastport.

Local Forecasts.

BOSTON, Jan. 12. For New England, Friday: Generally fair, continued cold, northwest wind. Saturday: Fair, colder.

Reported As Resting Quietly.

Early This Morning.

Some Alarm Created by Sudden.

Calls for the Doctors.

But It Transpired That Nothing.

Serious Occurred.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12. Mr. Blaine passed a difficult night and he reported much improved this morning. He has held the slight improvement noticed in his condition.

Dr. Johnston called about 11 o'clock and remained a short time. He found Mr. Blaine about the same as yesterday, no changes of note having occurred.

At 6:35 this evening Dr. Johnston and Dr. Johnston called on Mr. Blaine and were hastily dispatched for Doctors Johnston and Hyatt, ex-Secretary Blaine's attending physicians. Young Mr. Blaine was quite comfortable. When they arrived, with doctors of unusual composure, with evident family interest, led the newspaper men on pikes duty to believe that Mr. Blaine had suffered a severe relapse. But merely a change for the worse, but merely a change for the worse.

Both the physicians promptly went to Mr. Blaine's bedside. After 20 minutes' consultation, Dr. Johnston left the house. Dr. Johnston called positively serious had occurred, and Mr. Blaine's condition was practically unchanged from what it had been during the day.

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Grand Army Men Escort the Body.

to the Destination.

The Funeral Services to Occur.

Next Monday Afternoon.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12. The simple service for the remains of Gen. Butler, passed in the morning in the city of Washington, was held at 1:30 today.

The department officers of the G. A. R., assembled at the house about 2 and accompanied the remains to the depot. The Department of the Potomac acting as escort of honor.

The train bearing the body of Gen. Butler left Washington at 3:15 P. M. for Lowell, where the remains will be interred.

The funeral services will take place at St. Andrew's Episcopal church on Monday afternoon and will be conducted by the rector, Rev. Dr. Chambers. The interment will be in the family cemetery at Lowell.

A delegation of the G. A. R. arrived at Post, 42 G. A. R., of Lowell, arrived this morning and accompanied the remains of their old commander to their last resting place.

The funeral services will be held at the residence of Gen. Butler, in Washington, and a number of his friends who come from different points of New England to pay the last respects to the dead.

The following message was to-day telegraphed from the White House to all members of the cabinet:

The President directs that where it can be done without detriment to the public service, the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, of the Department of the Potomac, be given the honor of attending the funeral of Gen. Butler to the station.

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Annual Meeting of the Corporation at the Aldermen's Room Thursday.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the Home for Aged Women corporation was held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The Aldermen's room and the large attendance attested the continued interest in this worthy institution, which is ably managed and has most satisfactory results in every way.

President J. S. Wheelwright presided. The records of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. E. M. Noble, and approved, and Mrs. Noble and Treasurer H. C. Goodnow, then made their annual reports, which showed in a thorough and painstaking manner the condition of the institution and what had been accomplished during the past year.

(These reports in full will be found upon the first page of this morning's issue.)

Votes of thanks were passed to the secretary, Mrs. Noble, and the treasurer, Mr. Goodnow, for their very efficient and faithful services. The members of the corporation greatly appreciate the efforts of these officers and the votes of thanks were well deserved. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President, J. S. Wheelwright.

Vice Presidents, Mrs. Alice McLaughlin and Mrs. Caroline R. Mason.

